

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:564
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON CULTIVATION BY C.C.I.
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India has launched an ambitious scheme for improving cotton cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of villages selected under this scheme, State-wise; and
- (d) the criteria adopted for the selection of the villages under this Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.564 FOR 26.04.2001

(a) : The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI), in addition to its primary functions of Commercial and Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations, have also taken initiatives of undertaking development/extension programmes for better cotton cultivation in the country supplementing the efforts of other Agencies/Government.

(b) : The details of the development/extension programmes are as under:-

- i) Village Adoption Programme for dissemination of latest technology to farmers; distribution of certified and truthful label seeds and quality pesticides; and arranging field workshops to create awareness on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Technology.
- ii) Funding of R&D Activities/Projects relating to cotton.
- iii) Encouraging cultivation of cotton in non-traditional areas through creating awareness and educating farmers.

(c) : The number of villages adopted State-wise during 2000-2001 are as under:-

STATE	NO.OF VILLAGES
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Punjab	01
Haryana	16
Rajasthan	29
Gujarat	24
Madhya Pradesh	15
Andhra Pradesh	10
Karnataka	11
Orissa	02
Total	108

(d) : Villages are adopted, in consultation with State Government / Local Authority, following the criteria of `one village one variety concept` in order to help maintain the purity of cotton lint as well as seed, apart from according priority to marginal farmers having lower productivity level of cotton.

